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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

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Application Number	09/693,784
Filing Date	October 20, 2000
First Named Inventor	Rodriguez
Group Art Unit	2623
Examiner Name	Beliveau, Scott E.
Attorney Docket Number	A-6690 (191910-1600)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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i. Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____

ii. Other: _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other: _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).

b. Other: _____

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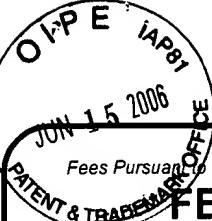
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

For FY 2006

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<u>Application Type</u>	<u>Filing Fees</u>		<u>Search Fees</u>		<u>Examination Fees</u>		
	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	0
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	0
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	0
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	0
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESSIVE CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Multiple dependent claims

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>
-20 or HP =		50	0	
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if great than 20				Fee (\$)

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<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
-3 or HP =		200	0

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEEIf the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity)
for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 USC 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s)

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4. OTHER FEE(S)Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)
Other: RCE

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